

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Improving Public Safety Communications	)	WT- 02-55
in the 800 MHz Band	)	

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER AND EXTENSION OF TIME  
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through its Department of State Police (MSP), submits this request for a waiver to continue to reconfigure its 800 MHz network. Under the Commission's rules and policies, including the August 9, 2012 *Order* of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (*Order*), licensees reconfiguring their networks must periodically request an extension of the original June 26, 2008 deadline to complete rebanding.<sup>1</sup> MSP requests that it be permitted to continue reconfiguration work until July 31, 2013 .

The Commonwealth's 800 MHz statewide radio system provides day-to-day communications for the MSP and numerous state, county and local agencies. The system supports interagency communications throughout the Commonwealth. The MSP is the system's lead agency and supervises the system's operations. The channels support core public safety communications throughout the Commonwealth. [REDACTED]

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<sup>1</sup> In the Matter of Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band and Supplemental Requests for Waiver of June 26, 2008 Rebanding Deadline, *Order*, WT Docket No. 02-55, DA 12-1303 (August 9, 2012).

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	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Commonwealth advises the Commission that MSP engineering and technical personnel have been deployed to assist the State of New York and affected counties and municipalities in Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts directed to land mobile public safety systems. As these personnel are important to the 800 MHz reconfiguration efforts, a delay may accrue in meeting the above schedule. The Commonwealth will keep the Commission advised of the circumstances.

The Commonwealth remains committed to reconfiguring its 800 MHz network consistent with the Commission's rules and policies. It has dedicated substantial resources to the purpose while maintaining the integrity of the network, undertaking its significant expansion and meeting operational demands. It pledges its further cooperation with the Commission and all parties.

Rule Section 1.925(b)(3)(i) states that the Commission may grant waivers if, among other reasons, “the underlying purpose of the rule(s) would not be served or would be frustrated by application to the instant case, and that a grant of the requested waiver would be in the public interest....” Precluding further work will undermine the objective of the 800 MHz reconfiguration and the progress to date.

Respectfully submitted,

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